

PREFACE

» Although the author has visited Indo-China, she cannot offer years of residence nor knowledge of the native languages there as a basis for this study. The printed word and conversations with men and women versed in the colony's history and actuality have been the data from which conclusions were drawn. This volume does not pretend to be the fruit of personal experience, but an effort to lay before the English-reading public a background for the general problems in French Indo-China to-day.

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